

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003. A diligent effort has been made to respond to each of the rejections contained in the Office Action. It is believed that this Response overcomes those rejections and thus places this case in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants accept the Examiner's claim renumbering as suggested in the first paragraph of the Office Action.

The claims were rejected under 35 USC 102 or 103 over US 6,446,111 to Lowery, taken alone for the 102 rejections, or over Lowery as the primary reference for the 103 rejections. All of these rejections must be withdrawn, however, in view of the attached Declaration of Prior Invention under 37 CFR 1.131.

With Lowery removed as a reference, there are no remaining rejections pending, and thus applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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